

**Monday, March 2nd, 2020**

**Hartland City**

In Attendance: Warren Johannsen, Linda Pederson, Megian Bell, Kelly Routh, Brooke Olson, Andy Flatness, Allyson Olson, Nancy Toot

Absent:

Others in Attendance: Raymond Toot, Brandon Flatness, Paul Koziolk

Mayor Kelly Routh called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda, approve the general meeting minutes from February 3rd meeting, and approve the accounts payable was made by Nancy, seconded by Linda; motion carried.

Public Input:

-Raymond Toot brought up concerns of updating building ordinances to address problem properties, because it had been talked about in the past. He was reminded of the existing ordinances in place regarding nuisance properties.

-Brandon Flatness informed the council of a new state building code allowing tiny houses to be built within city limits. He suggested creating a city ordinance to ban the building of tiny houses within city limits, the main concern being the tiny house's effect on surrounding property values. The council members discussed possible revisions to current city ordinances, possibly the ordinances regarding mobile homes.

Fire Dept.:

-Paul talked about the quote he got on a new fire department building, as the fire department would like a more efficient layout to the garage the trucks are stored in. The fire department will need to talk to the USDA to address the financing and plan of the building. A special meeting will be called, if needed, for approval by the City.

-Council members discussed the future of the old water treatment plant. The current agreement is that the building is not worth putting more money into updates, and the City would do better to get rid of the building.

-The fire department building has been updated in the last month with new airlines and electrical lines put in for the trucks.

-Linda asked what condition the generator is in. Brandon stated that it has been maintained recently and is in working order.

-Paul brought up the fire whistle. It is currently controlled by the county, and is not being used efficiently in the case of tornados. He suggested giving the control of the fire

whistle back to the city, and sounding it at noon daily to test it regularly, as has been done in the past.

#### City Maintenance:

- In the Spring, the City will sign the contract for the chip seal for the streets. Andy mentioned a soft spot on the street by the bar. The City will take measures to address the issue so that it does not become any worse.
- A couple storm sewers in the City need to be rebuilt.
- The playground is a big priority for the City to finish this Spring. Andy will contact Matt Staloch once he returns from his vacation about being put at the top of this work list this Spring. Matt will need to do the base for the equipment. The fire department has volunteered to help with putting up the equipment.

#### City Clerk Updates:

- The Presidential Nomination Primary will be held at the Community Center on Tuesday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7am – 8 pm. Brooke Olson will act as head judge, with Judy Hendrickson and Kathy Spooner acting as election judges.
- The City of Hartland will host their city wide garage sale on April 25<sup>th</sup> from 7 am to 12 pm along with the City of New Richland. Possible advertising will include: the shopper, the Albert Lea Tribune, and the New Richland Star Eagle. Most advertising will be focused online, primarily Facebook.

#### Council Concerns:

- Linda made mention of the nuisance properties in town. A mass letter has been given to the residents in the newsletter stating that property issues need to be addressed by June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The council members agreed that the specific properties that need to be addressed will be sent official letters stating they are in violation of the city ordinances. The letters will include the issues that need to be addressed and the fee schedule associated with noncompliance from the property owner. Brooke will also contact the Albert Lea police department to make them aware that the City will be taking action against residents who choose not to comply with city ordinances. This will include the ordinance against feeding animals as well.

Mayor Concerns: None at this time.

#### Miscellaneous:

- Next meeting is Monday, April 6th at 6:30 pm.
- Nancy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:10, Linda seconded; motion carried.

Brooke Olson, Hartland City Clerk